



June 24, 2019

To: Butler Water Utility Customers
Re: Water Utility Rate Increase

In July of 2018, the Village applied to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase water rates for all users in the Village of Butler. The Village's last water rate increase was in 2009.

Over the last year, the Village has worked with the PSC to determine the precise increase needed to fund the Water Utility's operational and capital expenditures. A public hearing on the rate increase was held on June 4, 2019 and on June 19, 2019, the Village received notification from the PSC that the Village's rate increase application was approved. The new rates will take effect on July 1, 2019. All water consumed after July 1, 2019 will be charged at the new rates and will be reflected on the bill you receive in September 2019.

The increased rates are needed to sustain the utilities increased operational and maintenance costs and capital investments, as well as to keep with regular rate increases from Milwaukee Water Works, from whom the Village purchases water.

The total increase in water revenues is \$60,560 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 13.67%. The water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 11,000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$61.36 to \$71.97, or 17% (including the public fire protection charge).

Included on the back of this letter is a rate sheet which outlines by meter size and by charge the rate increase, as well as a FAQ packet to help answer any questions. The PSC's full rate determination as well as all of the information included in this letter is available on the Village's website; www.butlerwi.gov.

Please feel free to contact me at (262) 783-2525 or kchadwick@butlerwi.gov if you have any questions after you review these materials.

Sincerely,

Kayla J. Chadwick
Village Administrator/Clerk

Village of Butler Water Utility Rate Increase Sheet

New Rates Effective July 1, 2019

Water Base Charges (Fees charged regardless of consumption)					Water Consumption Charges (Fees charged per 1,000 gallons of water consumed)				
Meter Size	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase		Gallons Used	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase	
5/8 inch	\$ 22.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 4.50		Up to 35,000	\$ 2.66	\$ 3.36	\$ 0.70	
3/4 inch	\$ 22.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 4.50		35,000 - 200,000	\$ 2.55	\$ 3.09	\$ 0.54	
1 inch	\$ 42.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 3.00		200,000 - 500,000	\$ 2.40	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.60	
1.5 inch	\$ 69.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 3.00		500,000 - 99,999,999	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.67	\$ 0.87	
2 inch	\$ 96.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 3.00						
3 inch	\$ 150.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 6.00						
4 inch	\$ 225.00	\$ 234.00	\$ 9.00						

Public Fire Protection (Quarterly fee for hydrant system maintenance)					Private Fire Protection (Quarterly fee to those with private sprinkler systems)				
Meter Size	Old Rate	New Rate	Decrease		Meter Size	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase	
5/8 inch	\$ 9.60	\$ 8.01	\$ (1.59)		5/8 inch	\$ 25.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 1.50	
3/4 inch	\$ 9.60	\$ 8.01	\$ (1.59)		3/4 inch	\$ 25.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 1.50	
1 inch	\$ 24.00	\$ 20.07	\$ (3.93)		1 inch	\$ 25.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 1.50	
1.5 inch	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.14	\$ (7.86)		1.5 inch	\$ 25.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 1.50	
2 inch	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.00	\$ (12.00)		2 inch	\$ 25.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 1.50	
3 inch	\$ 144.00	\$ 123.00	\$ (21.00)		3 inch	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -	
4 inch	\$ 240.00	\$ 201.00	\$ (39.00)		4 inch	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	\$ -	
					6 inch	\$ 144.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 6.00	
					8 inch	\$ 225.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 15.00	